

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tim Williamson led the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The agenda was approved as written on a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

The January 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously. The January 21, 2020 work session minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the January 27, 2020 called meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearing before the Board was Eric Moxley. Mr. Moxley proposed forming a citizen led roadside cleanup program. The public, civic groups, churches and the school could participate. The Board told Mr. Moxley if he wanted to lead the program, the County would help.

Under Reports, Recreation Director Steve McLeod told the Board that basketball has started, and Daniel O'Conner, the attorney for the school is making the requested amendments to the gym lease.

Drew James, Toombs-Montgomery EMS Director informed the Board there were 65 calls in Montgomery County in January and there will be a free blood pressure screening at Mt Moriah Baptist Church on February 22, 2020 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

County Manager Brandon Braddy reported for EMA Director Donnie Daniels that there were 25 fire calls in January in Montgomery County.

Road Superintendent Milton Fountain reported the January 28<sup>th</sup> safety meeting was on 'Driving on Winter Roads' and there were 9 employees at the meeting. There were no accidents to report in January. Mr. Fountain reported the rivers are rising and he will most likely close Dead River Road this Thursday.

The Board reviewed the financial reports.

Under Old Business, County Manager Brandon Braddy reported the USDA Loan/Grant application will have to be rewritten into smaller grants, each up to \$50,000.00. On a motion by

Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board agreed to amend the current USDA Loan/Grant application and to prioritize the applications as the new ambulance first; Sheriff's Office vehicle lights and radios second; and road department trucks third. Motion carried unanimously. There will be no additional fees to submit these loan / grant requests.

The Board adopted a resolution (Res. No 20-02-01) appointing Tim Williamson to the Development Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to send out a request for qualifications for an architectural firm to prepare a master plan for recreational facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to send out requests for proposals for a new ambulance. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received one application for the vacant third member seat on the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. Jerry 'Hoppy' Sikes was the only citizen to apply for the board seat by the February 7, 2020, 4:30 PM deadline as advertised in the Montgomery Monitor (now known as the Tri-County Connector). Commissioner Palmer submitted an application offering himself as a candidate for the vacant board seat. Commissioner Palmer alleged that Mr. Sikes was not eligible to serve. After further discussion, Commissioner Kenney made motion to adopt the resolution (Res. No 20-02-02) to appoint Jerry 'Hoppy' Sikes to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission as the third member. The motion was seconded by Tim Williamson. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas, and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to accept the agreement with Heart of Georgia Regional Commission for technical assistance for the Montgomery County Joint Comprehensive Plan and Other Plan Preparation Services. Motion carried unanimously. The cost will be \$12,000.00 and will be a pro-rata share with the Cities.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to request proposals for an engineering study on county roads for DOT to allow the Sheriff to run radar. Motion carried unanimously.

During the discussion regarding the proposal for an engineering study, Commissioner Palmer continued with discussions regarding the appointment of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Third Member seat. There was an objection by Commissioner Palmer that the application for the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Third Member seat that was submitted by Jerry 'Hoppy' Sikes was an application that should have not been accepted and should have not been voted on because the requirement stated the applicant cannot be retired and Mr. Sikes' application stated he was retired. Chairman Adams informed Commissioner Palmer that he was out of order and Chairman Adams continued with the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.